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SUBJECT: W/W SUSAN RALPHS

REF: SEVILLE 0294, STATE 115471

MR. WALTER RALPHS, JR.
1247 LAGO VISTA DRIVE,
BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA 90210
TELEPHONE 213-541-2015 OR 213-272-1614

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU THAT
YOUR DAUGHTER SUSAN RALPHS HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING FROM THE
NORWEGIAN LINER VIKING SKY WHICH SHE HAS BEEN A PASSENGER.
THE MASTER OF THE VESSEL, CAPTAIN OLSEN, CALLED THIS OFFICE
FRIDAY MORNING MAY 5, FROM MALAGA SPAIN WHERE THE VIKING
SKY WAS IN PORT TO STATE MISS RALPHS HAD BEEN MISSING FOR
EIGHT HOURS, BUT THAT A COMPLETE SEARCH WOULD BE MADE OF
THE VESSEL PRIOR TO ANY FINAL DETERMINATION WITH REGARD TO HER
DISAPPEARANCE. THE VIKING SKY PUT TO SEA AGAIN FRIDAY AFTER-
NOON AND TWO TELEX MESSAGES FROM CAPTAIN OLSEN SINCE THAT TIME
CONFIRM THAT MISS RALPHS IS NOT ABOARD.

2. MISS RALPHS WAS SEEN, HOWEVER, BY CREW MEMBERS SINCE THE
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VESSEL'S PREVIOUS PORT CALL IN THE AZORES, SO THAT CAPTAIN
OLSEN DISCOUNTS ANY POSSIBILITY THAT SHE MAY HAVE BEEN LEFT BE-
HIND THERE. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SHE ORIGINALLY BOARDED THE
VIKING SKY IN CALIFORNIA ACCCOMPANIED BY HER MOTHER WHO LEFT
THE SHIP IN FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. MISS RALPHS HAS BEEN
TRAVELING ALONE SINCE THAT TIME. SHIP AUTHORITIES HAD CUSTODY
OF HER U.S. PASSPORT WHICH DESIGNATED YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS

FOR NOTIFICATION IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.

3. CAPTAIN OLSEN WILL FILE A REPORT ON YOUR DAUGHTER'S DISAPPEARANCE WITH OUR EMBASSY IN ATHENS WHEN THE VIKING SKY CALLS THERE MONDAY MAY 8. THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, OFFICE OF SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES, IS INFORMED ON THE MATTER AND WILL BE RECEIVING FULL REPORTS FROM THE FIELD AS THEY COME IN. YOU WILL THEREFORE BE KEPT ABREAST OF DEVELOPMENTS AND CERTAINLY INFORMED IMMEDIATELY IF MISS RALPHS' WHEREABOUTS IS CLEARED UP.

4. WE REGRET VERY MUCH HAVING TO TRANSMIT THIS NEWS NOW BUT OUR HOPE IS OF COURSE, THAT SHE WILL BE FOUND AND THAT EVERY-THING WILL TURN OUT ALL RIGHT.

AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL,
SEVILLE, SPAIN

FOUCHE

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